

DEBATE CALLED OFF WHEN DATE FALLS THROUGH

Massmeeting Tonight Only Chance for Discussion.

If Oklahoma City wants to hear the Russell-for-Mayor situation discussed by C. H. Russell and the best talkers among his supporters, tonight is the best opportunity, according to republican campaign headquarters this morning.

Debate Called Off.

"There will be no joint debate between the two opposing forces in the coming election," said John Embury, because Mr. Giddings, speaking for the democratic organization, has refused to consider feasible dates. Therefore, every voice who wants to hear issues discussed in all their phases realizes that tonight is the golden opportunity of getting the Russell-Bearly-Nelson side of the argument.

The republican massmeeting will be held in the Auditorium theater tonight, the speaking to begin shortly after 8 o'clock. All the heavy artillery in favor of Russell's candidacy will be arrayed at this meeting. There will be music, and the evening will close with a complimentary dance.

Parade Important.

The parade feature of the day's rally, according to headquarters, will be just as important as the massmeeting. The line will form at Sixth and Broadway at 7:45 o'clock this evening and move promptly at 8 o'clock along the following route:

South on Broadway to Main; west on Main to Hudson; south on Hudson to Grand; west on Grand to Walker and the Auditorium theater.

Flynn's band will lead the procession and the whole occasion will resemble the old-fashioned political rally. Automobiles have been provided for women and children, who are invited to join in the line of march. The parade will be in divisions led by ward workers.

JURORS AGAINST DEATH PENALTY

Difficulty in Getting Murder Case Heard.

More than a dozen citizens disqualified themselves as jurors this morning because they did not believe in infliction of the death penalty, when the John Jones murder case was called for trial before Judge Edward D. Oldfield in the district court. No jurors had been accepted up to noon today. Jones, a negro, is charged with killing his wife, Bertha Jones. Jones disappeared following the killing and was arrested two weeks later in Shawnee. He has been held in the county jail for more than a month without bond.

McAllister Expected to Resume Old Job

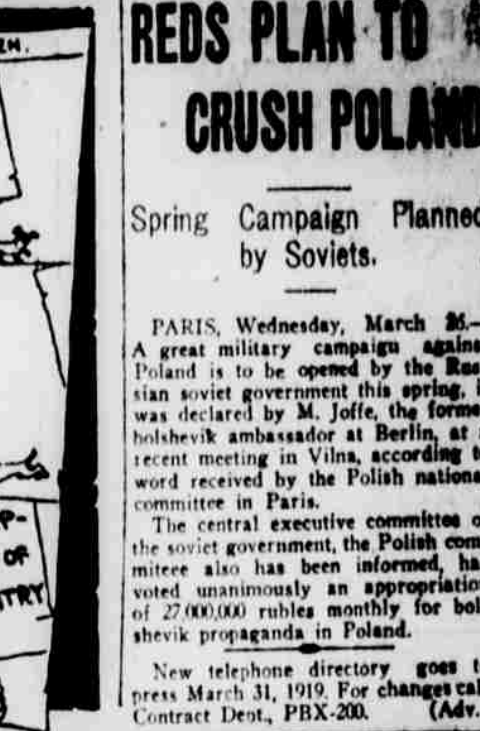
Senator W. C. McAllister of Hugo is expected to take over the office of secretary of the state election board next week. This place has been filled by C. C. Childers of Enid during the session of the senate. Childers was appointed with the understanding that he would resign at the close of the session so McAllister could have his old place back.

SOLONS' PICTURES IN SENATE'S ROOM

The first pictures to be placed in the lounge room of the senate are group photographs of members of the sixth and seventh legislatures. Senator S. L. Johnson obtained the pictures for the room.

FOOD SLIDES GIVEN TO STATE'S SCHOOLS

Educational matter belonging to the state food administration, including hundreds of lantern slides and a number of lectures as to be turned over to the state department of education, as a result of instruction from Washington. R. H. Wilson, state superintendent of schools, intends to make use of the materials, particularly in home economics classes.



First American Food Ships Arrive in German Ports As Populace Faces Starvation

(By The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Wednesday, March 26.—The arrival at German ports of the first American food ships was just in the nick of time to meet the crisis in the food situation.

The potato ration in Greater Berlin was reduced this week to three pounds and no fresh meat is available for issue to residents of cities. These residents are receiving canned meat from the remnants of the army's stores.

Conditions in the illegitimate food trade offers one of the best indications of the approaching exhaustion of food stocks. A month ago the average restaurateur could set before customers whom he could trust to protect him and who had plenty of money, a meal of the most satisfactory sort, consisting of meat, eggs, butter, etc., without the use of a food card, and all obtained legitimately through direct access to the sources of supply. The government's weakness and the necessity of its devoting all its efforts to the suppression of insurrec-

tions so that the new regime might get a start, made it still less able than its predecessors to suppress the illegitimate food trade.

Now some of the restaurant proprietors are scouring the country daily, sending emissaries in all directions, but their earlier sources of supply are almost exhausted. They are able to get little food at any price, simply because the supply no longer exists. In addition, private persons with ample incomes now report the same trouble in obtaining food from long cultivated surreptitious sources. The first feeling of the average German when he learned of the arrival of the food ships, as the correspondent found through conversations with a large number of workmen and members of the middle class, was one almost of astonishment at the appearance of the ships so soon after the signing of the provisioning agreement. The Germans had come to think of American food rather as a theory than an actuality and could scarcely believe it had really reached here.

"Tex" McDonald to New Orleans

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27.—"Tex" McDonald, Atlanta infielder, was sold to the Nashville club at the Southern association meeting in New Orleans, it became known here with the return of Secretary Reynolds of the Atlanta club.

'COVEY' WON'T PLAY WITH LITTLE ROCK

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 27.—Southern association club, last night announced that Pitcher Harry Covey, who had been loaned to the Little Rock club, thus ending the controversy over his possession. Covey, on learning of the decision, declared that he would leave the game before he would play with the Arkansas team.

Art Gumm Says:

"The World Will Soon Be Made Safe For Us Men."

Dear Editor:—Well, Ed, I see they will soon be no chance of them vampires hitting in the clean-up place over to Newark, N. J. on account of a judge which will put their picture in a gallery or balcony or something and all a man has got to do to play safe is to run over to the gallery over so often and wise himself up to which is which in vamps.

It is probable Ed, that they will soon be a safe place for us men. Also Ed, they would the talk of his for rent sign. I think divorce courts on account of a man being able to get alone better with your wife.

Kip's Champ Poor Looker. I read that poem by Kipling about the vamp and I will say Ed, that if they would the talk of his for rent sign. I think divorce courts on account of a man being able to get alone better with your wife.

CHAMBER DISCUSSES WILSON VISIT HERE

The matter of urging President Wilson to include Oklahoma City in his proposed national tour in the interests of the peace league was to be taken up at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today. Senator Robert L. Owen was telegraphed yesterday and asked to use his influence in bringing the president here and a report and discussion on this communication will be taken up today, according to Charles E. Hall, manager of the chamber. The names of some twenty new members are also to be voted on, according to Hall.

Lines Worth Remembering. Every violation of truth is a stab at the health of human society—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Looking 'Em Over

With JACK KEENE

Jack Johnson's signed statement recently given out, in which he says that the Willard-Johnson bout was a pre-arranged affair and that he allowed Willard to win is about the weakest peace of bunk that has bubbled up in the world of sport in many moons.

It set the reception it deserved. I haven't met a soul who was inclined to believe a word of it.

Had the fight been framed the truth would have leaked out before this. Jack says he was to receive \$30,000 and entire moving picture rights in Europe and a third of the proceeds from their exhibition in Canada and this country.

It isn't reasonable to suppose that Johnson would enter this kind of a deal and lay down to Willard when retention of the championship would net him a far greater revenue.

Johnson says he also was promised aid in getting out of his difficulties with the U. S. federal authorities from whom he fled to avoid arrest. That's a piffle. Anyone with a fair amount of intelligence—which Johnson had at that time—would know that the men promoting that fight did not have any influence with federal authorities.

Johnson says he was not staying in the last few rounds, as he intimates Jack was fighting his hardest to stave off defeat.

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Through Trains to Orient Soon

PARIS, Wednesday, March 26.—The operation of through trains from Paris to the Orient will begin over part of the line April 15 and the whole system will be inaugurated by May 1, according to an official statement issued by the commission on the international regime of ports, waterways and railways tonight.

The Washington club is none too well stocked with infielders at present and the likes of Hal Jansen, who is game, fighting a severe attack of pneumonia, makes the outlook rather dubious for the Senators. Niehoff has already been waived on by the National league club and ought to prove a valuable man to Griff to have at hand in the event that Jansen is not sufficiently recovered from his illness when the season opens. Bert isn't quite as fast as he used to be, but he is still a clever ball player and it would seem that he might make a good man for any club to have on its roster.

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